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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The following comments and amendments (if presented) are intended to be fully responsive to the Official Action dated November 1, 2005, petition being hereby made for a one (1) month time extension up to, and including, March 1, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.